

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Child and Family Services Agency



CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT

CONTRACT NO.: DCRL-2013-A-0009

CAPTION: Mental Health Services

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: MPB Group

FINDINGS

1. **AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304 and 1702

2. **MINIMUM NEED:**

The Government of the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), has a need to provide trauma-focused therapy to children and youth who are in the care of CFSA, in order to maintain its compliance with the LaShawn A. v. Gray Implementation Plan.

3. **ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:**

\$10,500

4. **FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

- (a) The Child and Family Services Agency, as part of the ongoing *LaShawn A v. Gray* federal litigation, is required to provide services that will enable CFSA youth to successfully transition out of the child welfare system;
- (b) CFSA youth received Individual and Family Therapy services along with Medication Management and Psychiatric Evaluations from the proposed Contractor, which was funded by Crime Victims funds. Crime Victim Funds have since been depleted. However, continued clinical services are still necessary for the clients' well-being.
- (c) In view of the CFSA clients' previous history and trauma, their extreme positive relationships with their therapists, and the transitions between foster and adoptive placements and among Social Workers, it is essential to preserve the clinical relationships

the clients have with their current providers so as to ensure continuity of care, thereby promoting the best interest of the children.

- (d) The current vendor provides trauma-focused therapy services where the child is the primary client; many of the intensive programs offered through DMH have an age requirement of 10-12 years of age and requires that the child meet the criteria for the program; CFSA is often court ordered to use this provider; vendor is currently provides services to at least CFSA clients and it will not be in the client's best interest to disrupt treatment.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Date

Brenda Donald
Director

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer